



MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
 (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

COUNTRY	UGANDA
NAME OF THE PROJECT	ELECTRICITY ACCESS SCALE-UP PROJECT (EASP)
PROJECT NUMBER:	P166685
REFERENCE NO:	MEMD/CONS/21-22/00501/ERD
ASSIGNMENT TITLE:	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION OF ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS UNDER THE ELECTRICITY ACCESS SCALE UP PROJECT

The Government of Uganda (GoU) has received funding from the World Bank towards the implementation of the proposed Electricity Access Scale-Up Project (EASP). The funding under the EASP project will be implemented by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD) toward implementing infrastructure and connections under the new Electricity Connections Policy (ECP). Through the EASP, the MEMD will provide funding for connections through a Results Based Financing (RBF) approach. These connections should be implemented within the Umeme Limited footprint.

The EASP facility intends to apply part of the proceeds towards consultancy services for independent verification of electricity connections. Therefore, MEMD wishes to procure the services of a competent and reputable company which will be contracted as an Independent Verification Agent (IVA) to verify the delivery of connections against which a subsidy will be disbursed.

The objectives of the Independent Verification Agent (IVA) assignment are to;

- (i) Verify that the eligible premises' connections, as detailed in the ECP Implementation Manual and or EASP Project Operations Manual (POM), have

- been physically installed in accordance with approved technical specifications, are working, and have been properly documented.
- (ii) Verify that the eligible premise connections and ready board installations have been installed using connection materials pre-financed by the Service Provider (UMEME).
 - (iii) Recommend to MEMD and financiers the reimbursement of appropriate connection costs.

It is expected that at least 250,000 connections shall be verified in a period of two years.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be accessed at www.energyandminerals.go.ug

The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. **The shortlisting criteria for the firm’s capability and experience are:**

- (a) Minimum of ten (10) years general experience as a consultant in undertaking Verification/Audit and Monitoring results-based financing programmes as well as management of large databases.
- (b) Experience of at least three (03) similar assignments of similar scope, nature and value involving verification or Auditing in the last ten (10) years (Attach Documentary evidence in form of completion certificates contracts, reference letters or the equivalent).
- (c) The consultant should have the expertise in developing surveys, sampling, collecting, compiling and analyzing data; knowledgeable in working with communities of different diversities in sub Saharan Africa.
- (d) Submit the firm’s organogram to demonstrate the firm’s technical and managerial capability (Provide only the structure of the Organization, General qualification and number of Key staff in areas of Project Management/Team leader, Electrical engineering, Financial analyst/ Auditor and Database Management. (Please do not submit CVs and bio data of experts at this stage).

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank’s ‘Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers’ July 2016 revised November 2017, July 2018 and November 2020 [Procurement in investment Project Financing; Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services], setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the World Bank's 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers' July 2016 revised November 2017, July 2018 and November 2020.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (Monday to Friday, 08:30 – 17:00 hours, except on public holidays).

Expressions of interest (One original plus three copies) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by courier, or by e-mail) by **July 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

The packages must be clearly marked as;

Expression of Interest for Consultancy services for the Independent Verification of Electricity Connections under the Electricity Access scale-up Project (EASP).

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